THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: (a) and (b) Doordarshan has entered into an agreement with CNN in March, 2000 to enrich its international news coverage. The agreement *inter-alia* provides for re-broadcast of CNN's live-breaking news' by Doordarshan. Doordarshan can also use excerpts from CNN's International news-source feeds. The earlier agreement entered into between Doordarshan and CNN in June, 1995 related to use of Doordarshan's transponder by CNN for broadcasting its CNN India channel with an insertion of minimum of 2 hours and maximum of 8 hours of Doordarshan programmes. Doordarshan was also to provide a minimum of one-hour transmission slot daily on its terrestrial channel for CNN programming. This agreement was not renewed and allowed to lapse on its expiry in 1997.

(c) Doordarshan is paying an annual sum of $ 95,000 to CNN for this agreement.

Agency for Nomination to Oscar Film Awards

2995. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the agency for sending proposals from India for nomination to the Oscar Film Awards;

(b) what are the films proposed for awards in different branches of film production during the last five years;

(c) what are the reasons attributed for non-receipt of any Award by Indian Films inspite of enormous talent in various branches of film production, including acting; and

(d) whether Government will consider constituting an agency, if there is none?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: (a) The Oscar Film Awards are conferred by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, California. The Academy has authorized the Film Federation of India, the apex body of the film industry in India to nominate one Indian film every year for consideration of the award in the foreign language film category.

(b) 1995- "KURUDHIPUNAL"(*TELUGU*)
1996- "INDIAN" *(Tamil)*

1997 - "GURU" (MALAYALAM)

1998 - "JEANS" (TAMIL)

1999 - "1947-EARTH" (HINDI)

(c) As the awards are conferred by the Academy as per their selection process, rules and regulations, no specific reasons can be attributed for non-recceipt of any Award by Indian films.

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a) above.

Report of Manisana Committee

† 2996. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Manisana Committee;

(b) if so, when the said report was received by Government;

(c) whether Government have also taken any action, so far, to implement the said report; and

(d) if so, what are the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The Manisana Wage Board, set up to fix and revise the rates of wages for Working Journalists and Non-journalist Newspapers and News Agency Employees, has submitted its final report to the Government on 25th July, 2000. The report is under examination of the Government. The Government would make all efforts to implement, within shortest possible period, the recommendations of the Wage Board.

Setting up of Air Stations and TV Transmitters in Orissa

2997. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up AIR stations and low power TV transmitters in some more districts of Orissa;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.